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D.A ALLOCATES FUNDS TO AID INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

On Tuesday, October 21, Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson will present a check for \$50,000 to the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department for the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Pasadena ISD Police Department was selected by the Department of Justice and its Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention to head up this program in February 2008 because of the department's history of successful investigation of Internet Crimes Against Children. The Houston Metro ICAC Task Force is comprised of multiple police agencies within the Harris County area who work cooperatively to investigate child exploitation crimes.

These funds from the Harris County D.A.'s discretionary funds, are being presented to aid the investigation and prosecution of persons involved in child exploitation crimes through the use of the Internet. The number of these crimes has increased significantly as the use of Internet has increased. Since the inception of the task force in February, over 50 cases involving Internet crimes against children have been investigated and brought before the Harris County District Attorney for prosecution.

Details of presentation:

Tuesday, October 21, 2008
1:30 p.m.
Pasadena ISD Administration Building
1515 Cherrybrook
Pasadena, TX 77502

The news media is invited to attend.

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